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Senator Andres Ayala  
Representative Joseph Serra  
Aging Committee  
Room 011, Capitol Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Senator Ayala, Representative Serra and members of the Aging Committee:

One of the causes that I have championed during my time as a state Senator has been improving public housing in Connecticut. We should never stop striving toward the goal of promoting a safe housing environment.

I am particularly proud to have been the recipient of awards from the Connecticut National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and the Connecticut AARP for being an advocate for seniors and for safe housing.

With seniors in mind, I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 517, "AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES." This measure aims to prevent sex offenders from having free access to senior centers or housing for the elderly. Limiting sex offenders' access to senior centers and elderly housing will help establish a safe zone, an area that our seniors can come to and not worry about their safety.

We all want to protect our seniors. Establishing boundaries for these congregate areas is essential to improving public safety. Connecticut seniors utilize senior centers and housing complexes every day. This measure will go a long way toward providing some of our most vulnerable residents with the peace of mind that these areas are as safe as they possibly can be.

Sincerely:

John A. Kissel  
State Senator